
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *Revelation 12:7-12 KJV*

And there was war in heaven: ***Michael and his angels*** fought against the dragon; and the ***dragon fought and his angels***, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (9) ***And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels*** were cast out with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (11) **And They Overcame Him *by the blood of the Lamb*, and *by the word of their testimony*: and *they loved not their lives unto the death***. (12) Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

INTRO: *How to Beat the Devil!*

"If I could just spend 15 mins with a baseball bat alone with the devil in a locked room"

The first Adam was tempted and failed – The Second Adam was tempted and emerges victorious

Genesis 3:1-5 KJV – Eve in the garden embellished God's Word

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, *Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?* (2) And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: (3) But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, *neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die*. (4) And the serpent said unto the woman, ***Ye shall not surely die***: (5) For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 2:16-17 KJV

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ***Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat***: (17) But ***of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die***.

I. *The Example of Jesus* – Filled with the Holy Spirit

How did Jesus escape the temptation?

Mark 1:12-13 KJV

And immediately ***the Spirit driveth him*** into the wilderness. (13) And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

Luke 4:1-2 KJV

And Jesus ***being full of the Holy Ghost*** returned from Jordan, and was ***led by the Spirit*** into the wilderness, (2) Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

Matthew 4:1-2 KJV

Then was Jesus ***led up of the Spirit*** into the wilderness ***to be tempted*** of the devil. (2) And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

Jesus was full of the Holy Ghost – Led by and driven by the Spirit

Ephesians 5:15-19 KJV

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, (16) Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (17) Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (18) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; ***but be filled with the Spirit***; (19) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Be ye being continually filled with the Holy Spirit…

With every temptation there is a way of escape

1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also ***make a way to escape***, that ye may be able to bear it.

II. *It Is Written* –

The first Adam was tempted and failed – The Second Adam was tempted and emerges victorious

Matthew 4:3-11 KJV

And when the tempter came to him, he said, *If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.* (4) But he answered and said, ***It is written***, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (5) Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, (6) And saith unto him, *If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: **for it is written**, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.* (7) Jesus said unto him, ***It is written*** again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. (8) Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; (9) And saith unto him, *All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.* (10) Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for ***it is written***, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (11) Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

III. *They Overcame Him* –

(11) **And *They Overcame Him* by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**

The Blood of Jesus – our – sacrifice – propitiation – redemption – forgiveness –

Colossians 2:13-17 KJV

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; (14) Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; (15) And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (16) Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: (17) Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

The Word of Their Testimonies –

1 Peter 3:15-16 KJV

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: (16) Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

They Loved Not Their Lives Unto The Death –

Mark 8:34-37 KJV

And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (35) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. (36) For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (37) Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Philippians 1:21 KJV For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.